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POSSIBILITY OF GENERAL WENDLANDT BECOMING VICE PRESIDENT, BACHMANN REPLIED THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER THIS A CATASTROPHE SINCE HE FELT IT WAS UNTENABLE TO HAVE MILITARY OFFICERS AS THE NUMBER ONE AND TWO MEN OF THE BND. IN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION AS TO HOW THE RANK AND FILE OF THE BND WOULD REACT TO AN APPOINTMENT OF NOLLAU, HE SAID THAT SOME WOULD CERTAINLY BE VIOLENTLY OPPOSED TO IT WHEREAS OTHERS WOULD WELCOME IT. HE ALSO BRIEFLY BROUGHT UP THE ALLEGATION MADE IN CERTAIN QUARTERS THAT NOLLAU WAS A MEMBER OF THE SPD AND SAID NOLLAU HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD NEVER JOINED THE PARTY. BACHMANN HIMSELF, I FOUND OUT YESTERDAY, IS A STAUNCH CDU ADHERENT, AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ONE OF THE KREIS ORGANIZATIONS NEAR BONN (HE LIVES IN IPPENDORF, A SUBURB OF BONN). THIS GROUP, INCIDENTALLY, HAS MONTHLY EVENING MEETINGS. HE ASKED WHETHER THE EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE A SPEAKER FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING WHO WOULD PRESENT THE VIETNAM PROBLEM IN A POSITIVE LIGHT SINCE ALL ONE HEARD AND READ OTHERWISE WAS COMPLETELY NEGATIVE. I HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE BEST QUALIFIED SPEAKER ON THIS SUBJECT IN USIA TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION.

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